

Environment Protection (Environmental Standards for Noise) Regulations 1997

GN 17/1997

THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT 1991

Regulations made by the Minister under sections 36 and 74 of the Environment Protection Act 1991

1. These regulations may be cited as the Environment Protection
(**Environmental Standards for Noise**) Regulations 1997.

2. In these regulations-

“dB(A) Leq” the equivalent A-weighted sound pressure level measured in decible;

"factory" has the same meaning as in section 71 (1)(a) and (b)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi), (xii) of the Occupational Safety, Health and Welfare Act;

“industrial **noise**” means **noise** generated by a factory;

(b) "neighbourhood **noise**" means any **noise** other than-

(a) industrial **noise**;

(b) power station **noise**; or

(c) **noise** made by an aircraft, an animal or traffic;

“power station **noise**” means **noise** emitted by a station that generates electricity **for** supply by way of trade.

Amended by [GN No. 115 of 2003]

3. The **environmental noise standards** shall be the **standards** specified in the Schedule.

4. Regulation 3 shall not, **for** a period of 2 years, as from the commencement of these regulations, apply to industrial **noise** if the activity generating such **noise** has already started at the commencement of these regulations.

5. (1) **Noise** measurements shall, as far as practicable be effected one metre from the nearest opening of any residential building facing the **noise** source and at 1.5 metres above the ground or floor level.

(2) The measurement methods and equipment used shall be those approved by the enforcing agency.

6. These regulations shall come into operation on 1 March 1997.

Made by the Minister on 13 February, 1997.

SCHEDULE
(regulation 3)

NOISE EXPOSURE LIMITS

Industrial Noise

07.00 - 21.00 hrs	60*dB(A) Leq
21.00 - 07.00 hrs	55*dB(A) Leq

Neighbourhood Noise

07.00 - 18.00 hrs	60 dB(A) Leq
18.00 - 21.00 hrs	55 dB(A) Leq
21.00 - 07.00 hrs	50 dB(A) Leq

Power Station Noise

In residential area –

07.00 - 21.00 hrs ... 60 dB(A)L
eq

21.00 - 07.00 hrs ... 55 dB(A)L
eq

In any other area -

At any time 70 dB(A)L
eq

Added by [GN No. 115 of 2003]

*Apply a tonal character adjustment of +5 dB(A) to the measured value where the **noise** has a definite continuous note such as a whine or hiss.